

### Congressman Colden at the Capitol

By CHARLES J. COLDEN

Jan. 23rd. Inauguration Day in Washington was a mess; it rained all day. During the President's message the rain did its worst and splashed in the President's face and even on the dignified members of the supreme court. In fact the weather seemed to be no respecter of persons. It was the most disagreeable day we have had since I arrived in Washington this time.



Thousands of people who came on the railway excursions never left the depot; the street cars and the taxis were unable to haul them away. Others would not venture out in the wet. Every part of the eventful day was a disappointment except the President's message.

The President was even more thrilling than he was four years ago. A part of his address, at least, will go down in history. A part touches the very heart of America's problem and its well worth re-reading. I quote:

**LOOKING ON LIFE . . .**  
"But here is the challenge to our democracy: In this nation I see tens of millions of its citizens—a substantial part of its whole population—who at this very moment are denied the greater part of what the very lowest standards of today call the necessities of life.

"I see millions of families trying to live on incomes so meagre that the pall of family disaster hangs over them day by day.

"I see millions whose daily lives in city and on farm continue under conditions labeled indecent by a so-called polite society half a century ago.

"I see millions denied education, recreation and the opportunity to better their lot and the lot of their children.

"I see millions lacking the means to buy the products of farm and factory and by their poverty denying work and productivity to many other millions.

"I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished. . . . We are determined to make every American citizen the subject of his country's interest and concern; and we will never regard any faithful law-abiding group within the borders as superfluous.

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

**SEEKING THE PARADE . . .**  
The inaugural parade was quite different from that of four years ago. Several notable features of the former parade were missing in this. Then Al Smith was the chief attraction. In this parade there were no Democratic clubs; the procession was not all cluttered up with governors and their staffs and their newest and latest automobiles.

This was a military parade, made up of the army and the navy; the marines and the coast guard; the cadets from West Point and the midshipmen from Annapolis; the CCC's were the only civilians in the parade. It was a tough day on new uniforms. It is fortunate the civilians were excluded because the exposure to the rain would have brought sickness and death to

many whose enthusiasm overcame their years.

The indoor seats and window-spaces reaped a harvest. Some of the hotels sold window-space for \$30 per window, so that if you bought a window, yourself and friends could take a peep. A number of grandstands along the avenue sold seats from \$2.50 to \$10 per seat. The high-priced seats had a roof, the cheaper seats were flooded with the rain. It was a big day for umbrellas, kitchen oil-cloths and rubbers.

#### ROOSEVELTS KEPT BUSY . . .

Inauguration day was rather a busy one for the Roosevelt family. The President and his family attended church in the morning, attended the inauguration, witnessed the parade, and the concert at night. In addition to attending these functions the Roosevelts had 710 people for lunch, 2,700 at tea, and 16 for dinner. While the family attended the concert in the evening, the President looked over his stamp books.

#### PIRATE STUDENTS WIN . . .

Robert Brennan Dixon of San Pedro, a graduate of San Pedro high school, won the highest grades in the civil service examination recently held in San Pedro for the appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. So young Dixon has the first chance. The second on the list, and named as first alternate, is Ernest Durr, Jr., 543 West 121st street, Los Angeles, a graduate of George Washington high school. The third on the list properly identified with the district and named as second alternate, is Robert Duncan Brown, Jr., also a graduate of San Pedro high.

Kelly B. Lemon, a graduate of San Pedro high, won the appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1933; Alfred John D'Arezzo, a graduate from George Washington high, won in 1934; Kermit Robert Dyke, a graduate of the San Pedro high, won the 1935 appointment.

#### WAIVES REQUIREMENT . . .

Willard Wendell DeVenter, 1603 Gulf avenue, Wilmington, receives the appointment as principal to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. His home has been in Wilmington for a number of years, but he is not a graduate of Wilmington high school. This is the first time I have waived the requirement of a high school graduation within the district. In this case the young man's mother is a widow and he has worked his own way thru school where conditions were more favorable. I feel that a young man who has won this grant by his own efforts is entitled to consideration.

The second on the naval academy list, and named as first alternate, is Richard William Henderson, 1151 Fries avenue, Wilmington. Harrison H. Holton and Robert L. Jackson, both graduates of San Pedro high, won the naval academy appointment in 1934; Howard Weldie Baker of San Pedro won in 1933; Edwin J. Richards of Wilmington, won in 1936.

#### DEEDS ACCEPTED

Two deeds to portions of 237th street, conveying the remainder of the property needed for an extension of this artery from its westerly end to Narbonne avenue, were accepted by resolution of the city council Tuesday night.

### Ball Trophy Cap Runs Saturday

Big Race Feb. 27 Appears Still Wide Open

A highlight of the Santa Anita winter racing season will take place this coming Saturday (Jan. 30) with the running of a special handicap for President's Birthday ball trophy cup. Authorization has been given President Hal E. Roach of the Los Angeles Turf Club to stage the event that will give the turf participation in the national celebration of the President's birthday anniversary.

It recalls that our first president—George Washington—was a thoroughbred horse breeder and raced a stable in Virginia and that the nobility of Europe and all parts of the world have been patrons of the sport of racing horses for centuries. While awaiting the high weights to appear on the track, some of the lesser lights for the \$100,000 added Santa Anita Handicap on Feb. 27 are building up following. Stand Pat, Accolade, Boxthorn and Sir Emerson have made impressive showings in spring events. Tempestuous and Goldeneye have scored over a distance.

The big race appears more wide open than was apparent when the 88 nominations were registered. There is still a question if Time Supply, who finished second last season, will get to the post. Bold Venture is definitely out, but Rosemont and Firethorn are both on the ground and may get a prep shortly as will Mr. Bones. Whether Roman Soldier, Azucar and Whopper will be shipped out has not been officially made known.

#### DANCE LIMIT ADOPTED

It will be a misdemeanor (\$100 fine, 60 days in jail or both) for persons sponsoring public dances in Torrance to run the festivities later than 2 a. m. on week-days and into Sunday's Sabbath.

The city council adopted ordinance No. 291 Tuesday night on its first reading by City Attorney C. T. Rippey. Councilman George V. Powell cast the only dissenting vote but did not explain his objections.

### Travels 10,000 Miles, Writes Book in Two Weeks

World's Most Prolific Writer Bets \$1,000, Wins

It was Monday when Arthur J. Burks, ace detective story writer, started out to conquer the Northwest. He had bet a friend that he could make a 10,000-mile trip from Chicago through the Northwest to Vancouver, write a book about his experiences, and have the first draft complete when he returned on the second following Monday. He succeeded. His book, "Electra, Carry Me Home" was published this month in New York.

The book was started in Chicago's massive opera house; it was finished as the dawn of the next-to-the-last day of the bet crept through the windows of Burks' hotel room in Wenatchee, Washington, his home. His parents, his friends, his school acquaintances, whom he had not seen in 18 years, had to wait until his typewriter rattled out the two words that were worth a thousand dollars to him: "THE END." Then he emerged, more than a little weary, and renewed old acquaintances.

Together with the friend with whom he had made the bet, who went along "to keep Burks from copying things out of guide books," the writer covered virtually every point of importance in the northwest. By day he flew; by night he wrote. Unexpected experiences crowded into the trip—at Minneapolis and St. Paul; at Brainerd, Minnesota, scene of an annual whiskey derby; at Billings, Montana, center of big game hunting and dude ranches; at Red Lodge, Montana, where a new highway rises to a height of 10,500 feet, crosses a plateau where "the angels sit"; at Yellowstone Park out-of-season, where there is nobody around to say "oh!" and "ah!" at the geysers, nobody around to watch Thundering Mountain thunder or Smoking River smoke; Cody road; at Valley Ranch, where Burks spent three days and almost didn't get any farther; at Cody, Wyoming, home of Buffalo Bill; at the desolate Blackfoot Indian reservation, where he met Chief Jake Stands Over Bull, sitting over a punctured tire, and where he got lost and had to follow the Billings aerial



ARTHUR J. BURKS, whose "Electra Carry Me Home" proves that the West still holds adventure.

beacon across the fields to get back; at Seattle, where Burks once recruited in the marines—a career which culminated after years as aide to Smedley Butler in foreign lands; at Vancouver, where there is the only Sikh temple on the North American Continent; at magnificent Grand Coulee dam, the greatest project in the history of mankind, at Wenatchee, Burks' home and the seat of the nation's apple industry.

#### All He Had to Say

In all, Burks wrote approximately 90,000 words on his two weeks' trip. "It could be easily," he said, "have been as long a book as Anthony Adverse. I never saw so much romance, so much activity—why, I could have written ten books—one on the Grand Coulee dam, another on old Doc Siegfried, who pushed the Red Lodge highway over those mountains by sheer force of personality, and in spite of terrible odds; another on the park out-of-season; still another on—but why go on? The country reeks with stories!"

Burks has travelled in almost every country in the world and has written fourteen books. "Electra," he says, is his best book; and this lightning-fast jaunt was his best trip. As he stepped out of a Northwest Air liner at Chicago, with his bulky manuscript under his arm, all he had to say was: "See America first—and I mean it!"

### Baseball, Track Season Nears

Football and basketball having been put away in mothballs until next fall, track and baseball are ready to take the sports limelight at Torrance and other high schools in the Marine league. Active practice for these two spring events will start next Monday with the opening of the second semester of school.

Couch Bernie Donahue will direct the baseball team while Coach Bert Merrill will have charge of the track events. Both are expected to issue calls for their candidates in the two sports next week. Until they see the results of these summons, neither would hazard an advance report as to Torrance high's prospects in Marine league competition.

### Gridders, Cagers Play Friday Nite

With Coaches Bernie Donahue and Bert Merrill playing on the opposing teams, the annual contest billed as a basketball game between cagers and gridders will be played Friday night at the high school gym. Admission for this decisive battle to settle the yearly feud as to which is the best team—the varsity football squad or the varsity basketball quintet—is 10 cents a head. The C and D teams will likewise settle their argument concerning each others' merits in a preliminary game that will start at 7 o'clock.

Your rent money will buy a home.

### Flipping The Herald Files Backward . . .

1924—Thirteen Years Ago

Idle since spring, pending reorganization and installation of modern machinery, the Western Sheet Glass Company starts work here with 200 employed.

The Torrance Local Jazz orchestra—Miss Helen Reeve, Miss Dorothy Ray, Jack Reeve and Bert "the drummer"—make debut at "Hardware" Reeve's store.

Elementary school dedicated with Supt. Dorsey giving principal talk.

Business Men's Association assumes obligation of \$300 necessary to keep Scouting alive.

Featured at the Torrance theatre: Harold Lloyd in "Safety Last."

State Exchange bank sold to Bank of Italy, officers and directors retained.

1927—Ten Years Ago

Negotiations completed by General Petroleum Company for erection of \$10,000,000 refinery here.

Meadow Park and beach frontage annexation to city opposed in suit brought by Huntington-Redondo company.

Five major highways—Normandie, Sepulveda, Figueroa, South Broadway and Palms Verdes Parkway—said destined for early improvement to city.

Nate Groenke resigns as commander of Legion post to leave for South America.

Dan O'Leary, world's champion walker, entertains at ball game here by circuiting bases four times in three minutes.

Police and firemen hosts at invitational dance at city hall.

1932—Five Years Ago

Chamber of Commerce reduced to five-cent tax basis; Secretary Carl Hyde on half-time.

Protests against improvement of Lomita boulevard result in supervisors postponing all proceedings for year.

Rosemary Guyan honored at shower by large group of friends.

Madrigal Singers give program in high school auditorium as benefit for Relief Society.

C. A. Faxman, hardware dealer, opens branch store on Wilmington boulevard in Lomita.

Two hundred Legionnaires enjoy fun fest and feast at clubhouse; Judge LeRoy Dawson reveals army career.

1936—One Year Ago

Hundreds jam Hollywood Riviera clubhouse to attend President's Birthday ball.

Sixty-six junior high school students graduate to high school; LeRoy Benner, class president, in charge of program. Elementary schools graduate 58 pupils.

Nine school crossing guards appointed for local schools.

Mrs. Mary Schroeder installed as oracle of Royal Neighbors.

Lomita Garden Club offers to care for trees along Roosevelt highway if planting is done by city; offer accepted by city council.

Mrs. John Rose hostess at Lutheran church benefit luncheon at her home, 2321 Sonoma avenue.

Campus Night Club Barred BERKELEY, Calif. (U.P.)—The University of California has decided to turn down the request for a night club on the campus.



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